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RIXEY CRITICISES BROWNSON

STATEMENT BY THE SURGEON-GENERAL OF THE NAVY.

He Says His Bureau Has Reen Too Much Interfered With by the Bureau of Navigation-Argues That Hospital Ships Should Be Commanded by Surgeons.

WASBINGTON, Dec. 25.-The resignation of Rear Admiral Willard H. Brownson from the office of Chief of the Naval Bureau of Navigation because President Roosevelt overruled his objection to placing a naval surgeon in command of a hospital ship is not likely to end the controversy between the line and the staff of the naval service. Admiral Brownson's protest was the breath applied to a smouldering flame, and thore who have known of all the trouble that has been brewing for a long time realize that the master cannot be adjusted without much discussion and the distribution of some hard knocks.

Coming right on top of the publication of Henry Reuterdahl's attack on the bureau system of the Navy Department, the controversy between Admiral Brownson and Surgeon-General Rixey assumes a very important and far reaching aspect. It has served to call attention to the differences that exist between the bureaus of the Navy Department and to demonstrate the need of a more harmonious administration, Nothing more will be needed to attract the attention of Congress to Mr. Reuterdahl's strictures, and when the Senate and the House reassemble after the holidays there is bound to be a thorough airing of the 'causes which have operated to bring about conditions which naval officers themselves are anxious to remedy.

Surgeon-General Rixey came into the limelight to-night by giving out a prepared statement of his side of the controversy with Admiral Brownson which led to the Admiral's resignation. There is enough in what the Surgeon-General says to indicate that the statement has the sanction of President Roosevelt. It presents the President's attitude in the controversy in an authoritative way, and from some of the Surgeon-General's expressions it is impossible to escape the conviction that the President is resentful of the radical course pursued by Admiral Brownson to emphasize his adher-

"The internal administration of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery," seys the Surgeon-General, who is the chief of that bureau, "has been in my opinion too much interfered with by the Bureau of Navigetion. This interference has at times caused me grave concern as to how I would meet the needs of those under my care."

Admiral Rixey's snappy utterance will not be lost on those who believe that there much truth in the criticisms of the inharmonious working of the nave! bureeu system, and additional food for thought will be supplied in another declaration of Admiral Rixey, that if it had not been for the Bureau of Navigation the navel hospital ship Relief, the dispute over the command of which brought about Admiral Brownson's recignation, would now be with Admiral

The trouble which brought about the retirement of Admiral Brownson from the Bureau of Navigation is interesting to the whole official contingent in Washington on account of its personal aspect. Admiral Brownson has been President Roosevelt's and slid to the floor. He died a few seconds intimate friend for years. Surgeon-General Rixey is the White House physician, as he was when Mr. McKinley was President Both Admiral Brownson and Admiral Rixey were on terms of intimacy with the Roosevelt family. Many naval officers are inused his personal influence to greater advantage than Admiral Brownson and thus

Admiral Rixey's statement gives a de-tailed explanation of his and President Roosevelt's attitude in the controversy.

Minital Brownson and I have been friends for many years and when on duty in Washington as naval attending surgeon I was his family physician. His resignation as Chief of the Bureau of Navigation has been assigned to various causes, among others to a difference of opinion as to the command of the hospital ship Relief. While I do not know that there is a cause, it may he interesting to know the present status of

"Hospital ships as a rule always have been commanded by medical officers, with a sailing master and civilian crew for purposes of navigation. The Relief, formerly belonging to the United States Army, was always commanded by a medical officer when used as a hospital ship. A joint hoard of army and navy medical officers. convened by Executive order more than a year ago to attempt to unify the medical services as much as possible, recommended that hospital ships should be commanded by medical officers, and the recommendation was approved by both the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy in

general orders.
"The question was settled definitely so far as the army was concerned during the civil war, and all hospital ships and medical transports were placed under the Surgeon-General of the Army, and has remained s up to the present time. The Japanese naval hospital ships were commanded by medical officers, after having tried line officers Hospital ships are simply floating hospitals and as such are considered by all services to be properly under the control of the Medical Department, which is directly responeible for the care of the sick and in-

ared of the services. "Naval medical officers have had positive rank for some years, given them by act of Congress, but as the use of titles which indicate rank has been denied them it is not generally known. They also have the right to command in their own corps and all those who are entrusted to their care whether on the sick list, in the hospitals

or on hospital ships. "I have contended that hospital ships sould be conducted in peace exactly as in time of war. During war time line offpers cannot be spared and do not and should not desire the command of these ships, and it has always been considered a doubt-ful question if the Geneva and Hague agree-

and crews were aboard. This very doubt LAWRENCE DELMOUR IS DEAD prevented the Japanese from using line officers on hospital ships.

"A medical officer in command, with a civilian sailing master and crew for the navigation of the ship, has been proved over and over again the proper personne for this type of ship.

"The Bureau of Medicine and Surgery directly responsible for the welfare of the health of the navy, and every friend and relative looks to it for the care of the sick and wounded. This work should have the sympathy and active support of every one.

"The international administration of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery has been, in my opinion, too much interfered with by the Bureau of Navigation. This interference has at times caused me grave concern as to how I could meet the needs of hose under our care.

"At present the hospital ship Relief would be in commission, and after having done good service with the fleet before starting would have accompanied it on the cruise South. The Bureau of Navigation thought otherwise, and the fleet of 15,000 men, with its auxiliaries, is without a hospital ship and will be until it arrives at Magdalena

Bay more than three months from now. "I have only asked that the Relief be pu n commission just as every other hospital ship has been, and that the navy medical officer be given exactly the same status as that accorded to his brother officers in the army who have commanded this identical ship. Not to do this would be unfair to our medical officers.

"As this is a matter pertaining entirely o the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery and s decided by the Secretary of the Navy. it is hard to understand how Admiral Brownson could be specially involved, as his duties pertain entirely to another bureau not directly responsible for the care of the sick of the navy and in which he should not nterfere unless directed by the Secretary.' Admiral Brownson said to-day that it

was ridiculous to say that there had been any personal trouble between the President and himself. The President, he said, was very patient and courteous throughout the whole discussion. He declined to make any comment on Surgeon-General Rixey's statement. As to the cause of his resignaion he referred all inquirers to the White House, but it was acknowledged by a close friend of the Admiral that the Washington despatch printed in THE SUN this morning gave the reason for his action and stated his position correctly. Mr. Loeb, the President's secretary, said to-night that nothing would be forthcoming from the

Admiral Rixey's statement that medical fficers have had positive rank for yearsthat is the rank of Rear Admiral, Captain, ommander, &c., and not merely Surgeon General, Medical Director, Medical Inspector and Surgeon-will be resented by ine officers. The right of the Surgeon-General to the title of Rear Admiral has been denied officially, as Surgeon-General Rixey acknowledges, although it is generally used out of courtesy, but he maintains that in spite of the absence of the privilege of using the title the rank of Roar Admiral goes with his office.

FELL DEAD IN CHURCH. Capt. Manee of Staten Island Was Praying

for Such an End. Ehas T. Manee of Tottenville, Staten Island, well known throughout the island Evans's fleet instead of out on the Pacific | as Caps. Manee, dropped dead yesierday Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church at Tottenville while praying aloud. He had just uttered the words, "O. God, I want to die in Thy, church with Thy name upon my lips," when he sank back into his chair

after aid reached him. Capt. Manee was a lifelong member of St, Paul's Church and was actively interested in church and charitable work throughout the island. He was born on the island seventy-eight years ago and inherited an clined to believe that the Surgeon-General oystering business. He built up this business when the oystermen were great personages on Staten Island. It was then he won out in the dispute as to whether a line earned his title of captain. When oystering officer or a surgeon should command the declined he retired with a comfortable

> He is survived by a widow, who, ill before learning of her husband's death, is now in a critical condition. A daughter married William Powers of Brooklyn. There are two sons, Stewart and Harry, in the fire insurance business in Manhattan.

HOTEL INTRUDER CAUGHT. Police Get Man Supposed to Have Peeped Into Miss Schenck's Room.

Frank C. Hennessey, a salesman, is locked up at Police Headquarters on complaint of the manager of the Monte Sano apartments, in West Twenty-seventh street On Thursday Jefferson Thompson, the manager, was going through the halls looking for a leaky steam pipe when he saw a man peering through a keyhole into the room of Miss Florence Schenck, a young woman who got into the papers last July because of her dealings with the manager of Alfred G. Vanderbilt's stables.

Thompson summoned Paul Wurst. The two men took the intruder to the office and telephoned for the police. Before they arrived, however, their prisoner seized a weight from the desk, struck down Thompson and Wurst and made his escape. Two detectives, from a revolver of the intruder and a handkerchief bearing the initials F. H., traced the man, who was arrested yesterday.

Hennessey said his home address was 2515 Carlisle street, Philadelphia.

BLAZE SET UNDER TENEMENT. Discovered in Time by a Tenant's Search for His Cat

Joseph Kaplan, who keeps a delicatessen toro at 206 East Ninety-eighth street, was closing up last night but couldn't find his cat. The search led to the cellar, where he found a pot of paint and benzine blazing under the gas meter. He scattered the fire as best he ould and then ran to the street yelling.

Policeman Johnson, after sending in an alarm, started in to investigate, but the smoke drove him back. The firemen of Engine 54 in East 104th street put out the

Engine 54 in East 104th street put out the blaze in half an hour.

Battalion Chief John O Connor, who is stationed with Truck 14 in 125th street, found things that made him sit up and take notice. The basement was strewn with striffgs of oil soaked rags, all leading to a coal bin in which were stacked shavings and a lot of other inflammable material.

There have been nine fires in the last two years in the house, and all have been of a suspicious nature. It is a four story brick structure with four families to the floor.

WHISPERING LARRY TALKING OF CROKER TO THE END.

He and the Boss Were Close Friends and Climbed the Political Ladder Together Tammany Leader Up to a Few Years Ago-Prospered in Real Estate.

Lawrence Delmour-Whispering Larry they called him, from his manner of imparting confidential information that came from Richard Croker-died at 3:15 o'clock resterday afternoon at his home, 118 East Eighty-ninth street. His wife and the Rev. Father Casey of the Roman Catholic Church of St. Ignatius Loyola were at the bedside when death came.

A severe attack of grip which developed into pneumonia was the direct cause of his

Dr. E. B. Ramsdell, who is one of the surgeons of the Fire Department, attended him at first and was hopeful up to the day before yesterday, when symptoms of pneumonia showed themselves. Dr. Edward Janeway was called in and said that because of the patient's advanced age the case was serious.

Mr. Delmour became unconscious at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The physicians were summoned and administered oxygen, but could not rouse him. For a year or more Mr. Delmour had been suffering from chronic myocarditis, but it wasn't until be contracted the grip that he was compelled to take to his bed. Dr. Ramsdell found that he also had congestion of the lungs.

The funeral arrangements will not be completed until to-day, but it was said that the services will likely be held in the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, Park avenue and Eighty-fourth street.

Justice Herman Joseph of the Municipal Court visited the Delmour home early yesterday to give his friend a Christmas greeting. When the Justice entered the bedoom the patient was unable to recognize him, but his mind cleared up for a short

-"Hello, Larry! How do you feel?" said Justice Joseph "I'll pull through this yet and fool the rofessor, as I did before when he said was going to die." responded the sick man

as he reached out his hand from under the bedclothes. "Now, boss, you must keep the clothes on you or you'll get more cold.

"I'm sticking to my job all the time," said the patient as he tucked the clothes about his neck. His eyes wandered to a large photograph of Croker and himself in their young days that hung on the wall opposite his bed. Then he began talking

"I'll bet Mr. Croker will win the next Derby with a new horse. That's a great man for you-he never went back on a wiend, We've been friends these many years, and I know him as well as any one."

last few days and between them his mind seemed to be occupied with politics When Dr. Janeway spoke about Delmour's age being an unfavorable factor in the case the had to guess at the age, for Larry has aiways been a bit uncertain as to his own age. A short time ago he told a friend that

he would not be surprised to learn that he

He had several spells of delirium in the

was fully 68 years old. When a young man he got into politics and was always ready for a shindy or a ruction. roker and he became warm friends and ooth climbed the political ladder together. He came to this country with his mother when he was a boy. He studied in the public schools and then was employed by a leather manufacturer in Vessy street. Delmour remained there saveral years, leaving that trade to go into the milk business. He was manager for some time of

Joseph King's livery stables, which then

occupied the site on which the Murray Hill

Hotel stands. He afterward begame a mem-

ber of the auction firms of Seebacher & Del-

mour and Gerard, Betts & Co. Delmour had a great fondness for politics and in 1876 was appointed marshal for the collection of arrears of taxes, an office which he retained for four years. He was a deputy sheriff under the administration of Hugh J. Grant, remaining there until Gen. Sickles took charge, when he declined a reappoint-

Delmour was selected as district leader for the old Twenty-second district in 1832 succeeding ex-Judge McQuade, and upon the reorganization was chosen leader for the Twenty-fourth district. It had a citizen population of 43,000 and was usually carried by a slight Democratic majority. Later he moved into the Thirtieth district and

was the leader up to about five years ago. Larry did his listening faithfully and enjoyed the fullest confidence of Croker, whom he had known since the milk vending days. He was able gradually to throw aside business cares and that gave him more time to associate with Croker, grow more reticent and work his way into supremacy in Tammany Hall politics. Tammany district leaders regarded him as the man to whom Croker was indebted for much of the information upon which

he acted. Whispering Larry's "office" was up against the wire fence on the south side of Chambers street just outside of the Tweed court house. He was certain to appear there every morning at the stroke of 10 and remain talking with such persons as Plunkitt. Sullivan and Engel until noon. Once in a while when Croker was in town Delmour would show up at the Democratic Club, but not often. When the boss wanted Larry he knew where to find him.

Delmour walked away from his associates when he wanted to discuss a confidential subject, but this was hardly necessary, as his voice could barely be heard two feet distant. He liked to have persons greet him, and was willing to discuss the weather or any other subject upon which he did not have to commit himself

He acquired a fortune rated by some as high as half a million dollars and owned a good deal of property on City Island. one of his homes. In appearance he suggested physical swrength and looked like a professional wrestler. His head was massive and his features were strongly

.His first wife, whom is married in early life, was a daughter of John the florist. They had no children. She died and in 1905 he married Miss Jean Walsh, a trained nurse, who took him through an attack of pneumonia of four months duration

NEW SENATOR FROM FLORIDA. | THE SHIPS IN XMAS GREENERY

Gov. Broward Appoints Wm. James Bryan to Succeed the Late Senator Maltery.

TALAHASSER, Fla., Dec. 25.-Gov. Naoleon B. Broward to-day appointed Wiliam James Bryan of Jacksonville to the United States Senate to fill out the unexpired term of the late Stephen R. Mallory. The appointment had been expected, for Bryan has been a sorttof right hand man to Gov. Broward in a political way. Bryan is a young man, being only about 30 years He is a native of Florida.

He removed to Jacksonville from Orange county several years ago and began the practice of law. He took an active part in politics and was instrumental in carrying Duval, the county in which Jacksonville is located, for Broward when he was candidate for Governor. Since then he has been the Governor's chief political adviser.

Two years ago Bryan was elected Solicite of the Duval County Court, which position he still holds. Some time before Mallory died Bryan had announced that he would be a candidate for the Senate. Ex-Senator D. M. Fletcher and Congressman Lamar have also announced their candidacy.

TO EXPLORE SOUTH AMERICA. Party of Scientists to Spend Five Years in the Southern Wilds.

Boston, Dec. 25.-George Melville Boynton, scientist and soldier, has organized an expedition to explore the wilds of South America. He is to have Hollis Burgess, son of the famous yacht designer, as se ond in command. Capt. Frederick Denham West, widely known as a navigator, will be captain; John Vessey Colclough of New York will be second officer, and Howard King Parker of Boston will be third officer.

A Gloucester fishing vessel has been bought and will be rechristened The Discovery. There will be in all about thirtyfive men on the Discovery. In addition to the crew there will be men who desire to make the voyage with the same motive as the leader.

The Discovery will not be ready to sail until March, as the work of overhauling will not be completed before that time. Mr. Boynton is a member of the Royal eographical Society of Great Britain and has spent over ten years in explorations in South America. The present trip to last five years. Operations will be confined chiefly to the unexplored region south of the Amazon River, between four and ten degrees south latitude, but the expeditionwill eventually follow the Amazon to its ource and cross the Andes, coming out t Punta Parina, Peru.

In the party there will be botanists, mineralogists, ethnologists, taxidermists and photographers.

WHOLESALE TREASON TRIAL. 69 Prominent Russians Expect Prison Terms-Signed Viborg Manifesto.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. St. Petersburg, Dec. 25.—The trial began to-day of 169 members of the Duma who signed the Viborg manifesto, the charge against them being treasonable practices. The accused include Prof. Muromtzeff, who was President of the first Duma; Prince Dolgorukoff, the Vice-President; Prince Obolensky, Prince Shakhovsky, Count P. Tolstoi and numerous professors and lawvers who are identified with the constitutional aspirations of the Constitutional Democrats. The reading of the indictment occupied the entire session

When the name of Prof. Muromtzeff was alled all the other accused rose and stood in respectful silence. They did the same when the names were called of two signers

A majority of the accused admit that they signed the manifesto, but they plead that they acted within their rights.

The maximum penalty for their offence is three years imprisonment and loss of their civil rights. Most of them expect that they will be found guilty and sentenced from four months to a year's imprisonment in a fortress and to deprivation of their ciwil rights.

After the dissolution of the first Duma in July, 190°, its ex-members assembled at Viborg, in Finland, and issued a manifesto, which was signed by over two hundred of their number, urging the people to stand up for the trampled rights of popular representation and advising them to give neither money not soldiers during the period of the suspension of the Duma. Loans contracted by the Government, they said, would be invalid without the consent of the popular representatives.

ERIE THREATENS RATE WAR. unces Withdrawai of Chicago-New York Rates on January 1.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25,-The Erie Railroad has announced the withdrawal of all its passenger rates now published in the Chicago rate sheet, and a rate war will be precipitated unless the other Chicago-New York roads bring enough pressure to bear to stop it. The new rates which the Erie proposes to establish will be announced January 1, and if filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission then will become effective

February 1. This action by the Erie has aroused all the other trunk lines, and it is probable that several more will cancel their rates in the Chicago rate sheet. The New York Central Lines already have intimated that they. too, wish to put in new rates between Chi-

cago and all points Fast. No announcement has been made by the Erie officials as to just how far the cut in rates will go. It is reported, however, that if the fight becomes hot the tariffs will be out a second time, and it is not improbable that for a time the fare between Chicago and New York will be \$12. The second class fare is now \$10, which represent a cut of

DENVER-NEW YORK RATE CUT. Denver and Rio Grande and Missouri P eific Seiling Tickets at \$32.60.

DENVER, Dec. 25 .- The Denver and Rio Grande has angetineed a rate of \$32.60 from Denver to New York via the Missouri Pacific, the lowest rate made in years. It is a result of the rate war now on between

It is a result of the rate war now on between the New York and Chicago lines. It is possible that the cut may even go below that point. The reduction amounts to 36 less than the last cut, which was to \$39.60. The fare last year for the same journey was \$45.20, which was cut to \$42.30. The total reduction over last year's rate is \$12.60. is \$12.60.

These tickets are good on tourist sleepers and chair cars, and he reduction at this season of the year is expected to have the effect of heavily increasing the travel to the East. The new rate to New York is less than the regular first class rate from

Many Tenants Join in Effort to Force

TROPICAL PLANTS BEDECK THE WHITE BATTLE FLEET.

Day of Jouisication for Admiral Evans's Officers and Blue jackets-Remembrances From Home—Races, Athletics and Much Dining in Trinidad Harbor.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Dec. 25. -The American battleship fleet, at anchor in the harbor here, presented a beautiful sight to-day. Each of the ships in celebration of the holiday was decorated with Christmas greens from masthead to water line.

The decorations, however, did not consist of firs, hemlocks and spruces, the evergreens of the North, but of the tropical palms and bamboos, which added a touch of strangeness to the sight as viewed by some on the warships.

The day was one of jollification among officers and men. There were Christmas trees in the wardrooms of all the ships bearing gifts for the officers from wives, children and other relatives, from sweethearts and friends, to show that though of the mills in McKeesport, Glassport, Duquesne and up the Monongahela Valley many miles from home they were not forgotten. Most of the gifts were presented while the ships were in Hampton Roads, as far as Monessen and down to Pittsburg with the understanding that the packages were not to be opened until Christmas Day

Considerable sport was furnished by races between host crews from the vari ous battleships. The race for dingle was won by a crew from the Louisiana, while a boat manned from the Kansas proved victorious in the race for officers In addition to the races comic athletic exercises were held on all the ships and there were numerous boxing contests.

This afternoon the officers of the Min nesota entertained all the other officers of the fleet at a very pleasant reception. This evening many dinner parties wer given and there was great festivity and

general good will. The torpedo flotilla, the departure o which was delayed yesterday by an accident to the Whipple's propeller, sailed

again at 8 o'clock this morning, its desti-

nation being Para, Brazil,

OFFERED BRYAN A SENATORSHIP. Oklahoma Democrats Wanted Him to Move Over and Lead Them.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Dec. 25 .- Thomas H. Doyle of Perry, recent aspirant for the Oklahoma Democratic Gubernatorial nomnation, said to-day:

"One of the unwritten stories of Oklahoma politics is that William J. Bryan was invited and for a time seriously considered moving to Oklahoma to lead the fight for statehood with the assurance that his reward would be election as one of Oklahoma's first United States Senators. This offer was made to him in 1902 by me as spokesman of the Democratic workers' conference, which was convinced that the only chance for statehood in a generation was by securing a leader of national prom

"Mr. Bryan, when I joined him on a train going through Oklahoma to Tonto, said he would much rather be Senator from a great State than President. He promised to consider the proposition. Several days later on his return he told me he had his newspaper and other interests in Linco and he did not see how he could afford to take the step."

SUIT AGAINST MINERS UNION. Goldfield Consolidated Mines Company Asks for Its Dissolution.

GOLDFIELD, Nev., Dec. 25 .- A suit of the most far reaching importance in labor controversies is to be filed in the United States Court at Carson to-morrow by the Goldfield Consolidated Mines Company. It is directed against the Federation of Miners and asks for an injunction prohibiting picketing and all interference with the operations of the mining company and also prays for the dissolution of the Minera Union. The Western Federation. Charles McKinnon, president, and eighteen other officers of the local branch are named

in the complaint. After reciting the richness of the properties of the company and telling of the great number of stockholders in many States whose interests are involved, the complaint asserts that the Western Federation of Miners is organized for the destruction of property and to create "endless strife, disrder, bloodshed and rioting."

The Goldfield branch of the federation s charged with "intimidation, wanton destruction of property, murder of innocent citizens, lawlessness and anarchy to such an extent that it has instituted a reign of terror in the Goldfield district."

The complaint asserts that the Goldfield union is a criminal society, and asks that the Goldfield branch of the union be prohibited from holding further meetings.

NEW WARDEN IN RAYMOND ST Alderman Richard Wright Gets the Job

on January 1. Alderman Richard Wright of the Fiftyeighth Aldermanic district, Williamsburg, who was not reelected, was appointed warden of the county jail yesterday by Sheriff-elect Alfred T. Hobley

The new warden will have charge of the civil prisoners in the present jail until such time as the city provides a separate jail. The present jail will be under the jurisdiction of the Department of Correction after January 1, which will be the first day of Warden Wright's term.

LYING ON ELEVATED TRACKS. Attempt to Save Man From Being Over Came Too Late.

unidentified man was run over and killed last night by a southbound Third avenue elevated train near the south end of the Houston street station. Some one on the platform saw the man

lying across the tracks as if asleep. This person ran in to inform the ticket taker. Together the two men rushed out, the ticket taker swinging a white lantern, the only thing he could grab up. A train was already bearing down on the station and although the motorman, Martin Bigger of 1142 Freeman street, The Bronx put on the brakes, the train was not stopped

in time.

It took half an hour to extricate the body, which was lodged under the second car. The man was of middle age, unshaven and poorly dressed. There was nothing in his pockets but 20 cents and a Chinese laundry

EAST SIDE RENT - STRIKE. WATER BOARD FACES CHARGES

Prices Down.

A meeting was held in Apollo Hall, in Clinton

and another meeting will be held next

Tuesday in some place not yet designated.

In the meantime families in Cherry, Mon-

roe and Sheriff streets have refused to

pay rent for the coming month. It is es-

timated that perhaps 400 families are in-

The tenants say that in view of busines

depression and of the difficulty of getting

money the landlords should reduce prices

By refusing to pay at all they believe that

they will accomplish their ends, the more

so if the rent strike spreads to the extent

WORK FOR THOUSANDS OF MEN.

Pittsburg District Promises to Be Busy

Again Soon After January 1.

will be in operation and more than 40,000

men who have been idle for several weeks

It is also asserted that every mill in the

Pittsburg district will be in full operation

soon after the new year. Officials of the

following mills have said their plants will

esume in full immediately after the first of

the new year and that the 1907 standard of

wages will be maintained: | National Tube

Works and its constituents in McKeesport,

employing 10,000 men; Duquesne Stee

men; Homestead Mills, 7,000 men; Mone

Works, 8,000 men; Braddock Mills, 8,000

and Charleroi Mills, 4,000 men; Clairton

Mills, 2,000 men; Donors Mills, 1,000 men;

Woods Mills, 1,000 men; McKeesport Tin

Plate Company, 800 men; Glassport Glass

Works, 300 men; Firth Stirling Projectile

Greetings to Friends.

beginning with straight whiskey and topped

off with coffee and cigars. Those facts

came up to light" via the modern telephone

with which the mine is equipped at the

The imprisoned men sent the most cheer

ful Christmas messages to all their friends

by this means and said they had supplies

enough to last until the débris above the

ta and England May Act Je

-Powers Give Warning

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Legation and it is reported that they dis-

cussed a proposal that they notify Persia

that, unless measures are taken to pacify

ICY SWIM FOR A DINNER.

cond Holiday Dip Into the Lake of Two

CHICAGO, Dec. 25 .- Two Illinois Athletic

Club swimmers, Nails Jaeger and Sophus

three cornered bet to-day by taking a

The dive was taken from the dock of the

Jaeger and Jensen made a bet that they

would dive into the lake on Thanksgiving

Day, Christmas and New Year's, and to-day

to Write His Annual Message.

Many Ducks and Good Weather for Bryan.

hunting cruise in the bay and Lake Sur-

prise. It is good hunting weather and

Twenty Trains Tled Up in North Dakota.

FARGO, N. D., Dec. 25.-Twenty trains

re tied up on the division of the North

Pacific between Jamestown and Mandan.

N. D., for lack of motive power. Every effort will be made to move the trains as soon as possible, as a snowstorm is raging in North Dakota.

After all USHER'S the Scote

they won the second part of the bet.

others will dine at their expense

home for the holidays.

printer at this period.

ducks are plentiful.

plunge in the icy waters of the lake.

situation continues critical.

jointly to restore order.

floating in the basin.

world.

they can reach the men.

1,000 foot level.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 25 .- By January 6 most

that they hope and prophesy.

will have returned to work.

MAYOR TO SUMMON THEM TO Many of the tenants of apartment house TRIAL IN JANUARY. on the East Side, and in particular the

PRICE TWO CENTS.

women of the families, are preparing for a mpression at the City Hall That They Will rent strike in order to force prices down. Resign-Commissioners of Accounts Report That They Wasted the City street, last Monday to start things going Money in the Asbekan Dam Award.

> The Commissioners of Accounts have sent to Mayor McClellan their report on the investigation of the Ashokan dam award by the Board of Water Supply. The board awarded the contract to MacArthur Brow and Winston & Co., whose bid for the work was \$12,669,775, when the John Peirce Company offered to construct the dam for \$10,-315,350, a saving of over \$2,300,000. The Commissioners find as a result of their investigation that the Board of Water Supply had no justification and they conclude their report with this formal charge:

"We deem that our public duty as Commissioners of Accounts imposes on us the obligation of preferring to you as Mayor charges of incompetency and misconduct against the members of the Board of Water Supply. Such formal charges are now in process of preparation and will be filed with you as soon as completed."

Commissioner Mitchel said vesterday that these charges would be handed to the Mayor at the beginning of next week. The grounds upon which the charges of "incompetency and misconduct" would be based would be that the board was wasting the city's money.

As soon as the charges are presented to him Mayor McClellan will summon the members of the Water Supply Board before him to be tried. Under the act by which the board was created the members can be removed only after a hearing on charges. The Mayor has planned to begin the trial in the second week in January, but it is believed in the City Hall that the members of the board will resign.

Works, 500 men; Pittsburg Steel Foundry, The Commissioners of Accounts say: Glassport, 325 men; Glassport Coke Works, 250 men, and Severn Bros. Works, Glassport, The members of the Board of Water Supply had one reason for the rejection of the lowest bid—the fear of delay—resting upon two causes—inexperience and a losing price. They had CHRISTMAS FAR UNDER GROUND. before them absolutely nothing to justify their conclusion that such causes either exmorisoned Miners Have Feast and Sen ments of opinion and experience. Of these ELY, Nev., Dec. 25 .- One thousand feet below the surface of the earth three miners They failed to take such steps to satisfy themselves of the accuracy of the statements made to-day spent the strangest Christmas in the to them by their chief engineer consultants as would be expected of ordinary business Bailey, McDonald and Brown have been men of care and experience. They neglected imprisoned in the Alpha shaft of the Giroux to bring out the facts from the lowest bidder mine since December 1 and the rescuers and were content to authorize an increased still have three weeks work to do before expenditure of \$2,354,425 of the city's funds But to-day they had a fine holiday meal,

upon a record which bears upon its face the evidence of its insufficiency.

There was before the board at the time of its decision upon this matter absolutely no evidence that the Peirce bid in whole or in part was at prices below cost. There were but-two cases before it to support the proposition that a losing price must bring abo lay. After the lengthy examination of the made to bring out the facts upon which they relied for their contentions in these matters there is no evidence before us now which would justify a finding that the Peirce bid was

WILL COMPEL PEACE IN PERSIA. whole or in part below cost. There is no evidence before us which would justify a finding that delay always results the first head we have the statement of the lowest bidder and all his representatives Lonpon," Dec. 26 .- A despatch to the that his bid prices would have insured him a 10 per cent, profit, while on the second we Daily Mail from Teheran says that despite the promises made by the Shah the political | have an utter breakdown in every case cited us by the board's representatives on the stand and even in one of the two cases cited The foreign diplomats met at the French

by the chief engineer in his report. The situation therefore presented was that of a low bidder of large financial resources, of good reputation, ready to per-form and able to perform, believing that he the city Great Britain and Russia will act under heavy security for the faithful per formance of the work, passed over by the Board of Water Supply upon the ground out evidence that the successful bidder pos sessed much greater experience, without evidence that the inexperience charged would delay or imperil the work, without Jensen, won the second instalment of their evidence that the price was insufficient, and upon the advice that a satisfactory quality of work could not be obtained from the low A two weeks inquiry has demon-Chicago Yacht Club, the two swimmers in strated that all which developed at our hearabbreviated bathing suits plunging from the dock among the cakes of ice that were ings might easily have been within the knowledge of the members of the board had they been as active in investigation as they were ready to rely solely upon the opinion of others. Commenting upon the evidence given by Edward Simmons, chairman of the board

the report says:

He had never familiarized himself with they complete the series with a swim on the details, character or scope of the pre-New Year's Day they will be the guests of liminary investigation of the reservoir or dam site pursued by the engineering departhonor at a dinner to the water polo squad ment of his board. He knew that reports were regularly made by the chief engineer, of the I. A. C. to be paid for by the other members of the team. If they don't the but his recollection was very indistinct as to their nature. He had visited the reservoir site three times in all, spending a day on the occasion of each visit. He knew nothing of HUGHES HAD A CHRISTMAS TREE. the engineering problems or questions involved; the results of investigations or the Governor Better, but He Has Not Started difficulties to be anticipated. He had not inquired into these matters, believing that ALBANY, Dec. 25.—Gov. and Mrs. Hughes had a Christmas tree at the Executive Man-sion and every one about the place was they were of such a nature as to be ligible only to engineers. * * * ! investigated the Anancial standing of all the bidders and had satisfied himself of the reremembered by Mrs. Hughes. Charles Evans Hughes, Jr., a senior at Brown, is at with the chief engineer and with Mr. Freeman Gov. Hughes's attack of grip has not in the matter of bids before voting on the proved serious and he may be able to get award. He thought that he had talked with over to the Executive Chamber by Friday. Prof. Burr, but could not be positive about it. He had no interview with Mr. Stearns. He was satisfied with the reports of the chief He will be pretty busy for the remainder of the month framing his annual message, engineer and consultants, relied absolutely on their advice and did not consider that it was necessary to go beyond their advice in passing upon this matter. He had not asked which goes to the Legislature next Wednesday. He has not yet started to write it, but he has been able to give some thought to the subjects he is going to treat, so that them or any one of them to explain the facts reasons or data which underlay their state-ments and advice and had made no outside when he gets to the actual writing of the message his thoughts will be pretty well digested, as usual. Other Governors have inquiry. He did not get the chief engineer had their messages about ready for the State to tell him how he arrived at his conclusion but took his statement of fact as sufficient He did not think it necessary to inquire into the facts and thought that such inquiry would reflect on the integrity and honor of the chief engineer. He did not think it impossible GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 25.-William J. Bryan, Gov. Campbell, State Chairman for a layman to inform himself upon these questions and he believed that a man who Carden, W. L. Moody and attendants tois not an engineer might become sufficiently familiar with the problems with which the day sailed out of Galveston Bay on the yacht Nancy Ann for a three days duck board dealt to be able to pass upon them, upon his own judgment, provided he could

> "It becomes a question," says the repor in dwelling upon this fact, "whether the members of the board took all the steps and precautionary measures which business men of experience might be expected to take in the conduct of their private business, for this we consider to be the fair measure of their duty. We are of the opinion that they did not."

give the necessary time to the study, but this he felt would require more time than the

average man who is not an engineer